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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE:

37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term edjustment provisions of the AIPA.

See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Fractice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gez. Pat.

Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which Established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

K	Previously submitted: Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 08-09-2006 (Any unentsred amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other:
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	 Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00. Other:

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CENTRAL FAX CENTER RCE filing fee \$790.00 SEP 1 8 2006 ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time \$120.00 One month \$450.00 \$1020.00 Two months Three months \$1590.00 Four months Please charge to Deposit Account 50-1078 the sum of \$790.00 . At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, John F. McEntee ☐ I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450. By Bret E. Field for John Brady Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s) Date of Deposit: Reg. No. 37,620 I hereby certify that this paper is being facaimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents on the date shown below.

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